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Applicant: Imamura et al.

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For: HEAD SLIDER HAVING  
MICROACTUATOR

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## **RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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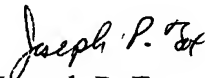
Dear Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction requirement mailed November 5, 2004, Applicants elect Group I corresponding to claims 1-16 drawn to a head slider, classified in class 360, subclass 234.7, with traverse. The grounds for traversal are that examination of all of the groups would not place an undue burden on the examiner. The independent claims have several features in common, and a search for one group would likely overlap with a search for the other groups. For these reasons, Applicants

respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the Election/Restriction requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

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